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FOR EA/ANP NELSON

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SUBJ: VISITORS FROM NEW HEBRIDES

1. TWO OFFICERS OF THE NEW HEBRIDES NATIONAL PARTY, GEORGE KALKOA AND WALTER LINI, PLAN TO TRAVEL TO U.S. IN AUGUST 1976 TO ATTEND UN SESSION. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE GOOD OPOR-TUNITY FOR USG TO EXTEND INVITATION TO BOTH MEN FOR SHORT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AT SOME TIME DURING THEIR STAY IN NEW YORK, UNDER EITHER EA/ANP OR CU AUSPICES. BELIEVE THEY WOULD ENJOY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN NEW HEBRIDES WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICERS AND TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING IN WASHINGTON AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO VISA APPLICATIONS THEY PLAN TO BE IN U.S. FOR ONE MONTH ON UN BUSINESS. LOCAL ADDRESS IN NEW YORK IS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHARCH OF USA, 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK.

3. DESPITE SHORTAGE OF CU FUNDS FOR TRANSITION QUARTER A SHORT TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD ENTAIL MINIMAL COSTS. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO EXTEND INVITATION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN U.S. AND PROXIMITY TO WASHINGTON.

4. WE ARE DISCUSSING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR FUNDING WITH VIRGINIA COOPER DURING HER PRESENT VISIT IN SUVA.

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